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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/15/2010

To: Criminal Investigative
Columbia

Attn: Violent Crime Section
Attn: SAC David A. Thomas
CDC [redacted]

From: Columbia

Squad 9 Cyber

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: SAC Thomas David *AMG*
ASAC [redacted] *mm*
CDC [redacted] *mm*
[redacted] *bb*

Drafted By: [redacted] *cp CP*

Case ID #: 9A-CO-NEW (Pending)

Title: UNSUB(S);

GOTBADNEWZ.COM;

[redacted] - VICTIM;

[redacted] - VICTIM;

INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS WITH INTENT TO EXTORT;

[redacted]

Synopsis: To request new investigation be opened and assigned at the Columbia Division.

Details: On October 13, 2010, Special Agent [redacted]

received a walk-in complaint from [redacted]

residential address [redacted] Columbia, South

Carolina, telephone number [redacted] regarding death threats

received via e-mail. [redacted]

[redacted] a religious organization currently assembling at [redacted] South Carolina.

During his complaint, [redacted] advised to SA [redacted] that he has been receiving threatening e-mails to his account,

CASE RECEIVED AT ROTOR

DATE: 11-08-2010

INITIALS: *AS*
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[redacted] from e-mail address
BADNEWZ@GOTBADNEWZ.COM, regarding repercussions that would occur
if [redacted] continued on with [redacted]
[redacted] The threats
also imply that revelations of homosexual relations between
[redacted] and e-mail sender would be made public. [redacted] also
advised SA [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] provided three copies of the e-mails he
received. The e-mails contained the information listed below:

EMAIL #1

Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:20 PM
Subject: You've got BadNewz
Attach: 9875.jpg (Image depicts young, black male)
Body: I want to say this if you bring your ass to
Ga expect bullets to meet you @ the border you
bitch!!!! Keep your ass with your 1920backwards ass
niggers and stay in South Carolina... Old man you a
dead man walking!!

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EMAIL #2

Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 05:15 AM
Subject: You've got BadNewz
Attach: 9937.jpg (Image depicts picture of [redacted]
superimposed over image of [redacted] is smaller image,
depicting white male in a suggestive, sexual position,
showing his genitalia).
Body: Hey [redacted] of SC did you tell
members about us.. This is my ass hole after you Fuck
me & suck my dick..

EMAIL #3

Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:20 PM
Subject: You've got BadNewz
Attach: 10010.jpg (Image depicts picture of shirtless
black male. Superimposed over image of male is smaller
of [redacted].
Body: [redacted]
In SC. I want you to stop Lying about us this isn't
right we have been sexual active for 5 years I will tell

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your people call me [REDACTED]
An open source search conducted by SA [REDACTED]
reveals that [REDACTED] are very outspoken
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of EDDIE LONG, Bishop at
NEW BIRTH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, in Lithonia, Georgia and his
[REDACTED] LONG and demand LONG's
resignation. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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An open source search of the domain GOTBADNEWZ.COM reveals that the domain is used to promote an iPhone application, BADNEWZ, sold on iTunes by INCOMING INTERACTIVE INC., which allows users to send anonymous private e-mails to individuals. The application also provides a "Blast" function, which allows anonymous messages to be posted to GOTBADNEWZ.COM. A WHOIS search of the domain GOTBADNEWZ.COM reveals the following:

Registrant:
Address:

[REDACTED]

Administrative
Contact:
E-mail:
Address:

[REDACTED]

Telephone:
Fax:

Technical
Contact:
E-mail:
Address:

[REDACTED]

Telephone:
Fax:

An open source search of [REDACTED] reveals a

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profile on the website LinkedIn, which lists [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Investigative activity in this case would involve a [REDACTED] The UNSUB is making serious threats and demands specific to the activities of a religious organization.

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The following additional factors have been considered:

1. The threats involve bodily harm and/or death to an individual.
2. The information sought to identify the UNSUB would allow for apprehension and prevention of acts of violence to the public.
3. The proposed investigation would likely lead to the timely identification and apprehension of the UNSUB(S).

On October 14, 2010, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED] was contacted by Acting Supervisory Special Agent (A/SSA) [REDACTED] regarding the details of the complaint. AUSA [REDACTED] agreed to prosecute the matter should sufficient evidence be collected to support prosecution under Title 18, US Code, Section 875(c). A/SSA [REDACTED] discussed this matter with Chief Division Counsel (CDC) [REDACTED] and Assistant Special Agent In Charge (ASAC) [REDACTED] and verbal approval to open the case [REDACTED] was issued on October 15, 2010.

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It is requested that this case be opened and assigned to SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

COLUMBIA

AT COLUMBIA, SC

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Division Counsel (CDC) [REDACTED] and Assistant Special
Agent In Charge (ASAC) [REDACTED] and verbal approval to
open the case [REDACTED] was issued on October 15, 2010. It is
requested that written approval be provided via this
communication.

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